

Safety & Environmental Enforcement, Interior

§ 250.520

(7) After completion of the well, you must retain all the records listed in paragraph (i)(6) of this section for a period of 2 years at the facility, at the lessee's field office nearest the OCS facility, or at another location conveniently available to the District Manager.

(j) *Alternate methods.* The District Manager may require, or approve, more frequent testing, as well as different test pressures and inspection methods, or other practices.

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§ 250.518 Tubing and wellhead equipment.

(a) No tubing string shall be placed in service or continue to be used unless such tubing string has the necessary strength and pressure integrity and is otherwise suitable for its intended use.

(b) In the event of prolonged operations such as milling, fishing, jarring, or washing over that could damage the casing, the casing shall be pressure-tested, calipered, or otherwise evaluated every 30 days and the results submitted to the District Manager.

(c) When the tree is installed, you must equip wells to monitor for casing pressure according to the following chart:

If you . . .	you must equip . . .	so you can monitor . . .
(1) fixed platform wells, (2) subsea wells, (3) hybrid* wells,	the wellhead, the tubing head, the surface wellhead,	all annuli (A, B, C, D, <i>etc.</i> , annuli). the production casing annulus (A annulus). all annuli at the surface (A and B riser annuli). If the production casing below the mudline and the production casing riser above the mudline are pressure isolated from each other, provisions must be made to monitor the production casing below the mudline for casing pressure.

* Characterized as a well drilled with a subsea wellhead and completed with a surface casing head, a surface tubing head, a surface tubing hanger, and a surface christmas tree.

(d) Wellhead, tree, and related equipment shall have a pressure rating greater than the shut-in tubing pressure and shall be designed, installed, used, maintained, and tested so as to achieve and maintain pressure control. New wells completed as flowing or gas-lift wells shall be equipped with a minimum of one master valve and one surface safety valve, installed above the master valve, in the vertical run of the tree.

(e) Subsurface safety equipment shall be installed, maintained, and tested in compliance with § 250.801 of this part.

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CASING PRESSURE MANAGEMENT

§ 250.519 What are the requirements for casing pressure management?

Once you install your wellhead, you must meet the casing pressure management requirements of API RP 90 (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198) and the requirements of §§ 250.519 through 250.530. If there is a conflict between API RP 90 and the casing pressure requirements of this subpart, you must follow the requirements of this subpart.

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§ 250.520 How often do I have to monitor for casing pressure?

You must monitor for casing pressure in your well according to the following table:

If you have . . .	you must monitor . . .	with a minimum one pressure data point recorded per . . .
(a) fixed platform wells, (b) subsea wells, (c) hybrid wells, (d) wells operating under a casing pressure request on a manned fixed platform,	monthly, continuously, continuously, daily,	month for each casing. day for the production casing. day for each riser and/or the production casing. day for each casing.